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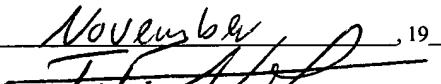
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PATENT ATTORNEY

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 30, 1996. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite claim 1 as indicated:

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1. (Amended) A nasal dilator for preventing outer wall tissue of nasal passages of a nose from drawing in during breathing, comprising:

a flexible, unitary truss member having a normally, substantially planar state
absent flexure thereof, the unitary truss member including:

~~a first end region adapted to engage the outer wall tissue of a first nasal passage;~~

~~a second end region adapted to engage the outer wall tissue of a second nasal passage;~~

~~an intermediate segment configured to traverse a portion of a nose located between the first and second nasal passages, the inherent tendency of the truss member to return to its normally planar state when flexed acting to stabilize the outer wall tissue and thereby prevent~~